

## **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR VARIABLE TEXT OVERLAY**

### **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

5           An MFP text overlaying system and method are provided.  
The method comprises: accepting a document, either in paper media or  
electronic format; accepting a text overlay message; merging the overlay  
message with the document; and, creating a merged document. Typically,  
the product is a paper media merged document. Alternately, the merged  
10   document may be transmitted to another node for additional processing.  
More specifically, accepting a document may include: accepting a paper  
media document; converting the document to rasterized data; and,  
generating a first image. Accepting an overlay message may include:  
accepting an electronically formatted overlay message; converting the  
15   overlay message to a Page Description Language (PDL) file; processing  
the PDL file as a print job; and, generating a second image as rasterized  
data. Then, the overlay merger process includes: adding the first image to  
the second image; and, generating a third image.